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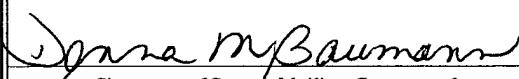
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

In the response to the Final Rejection of September 22, 2000, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-12 and 17 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

13. (Twice Amended). A method for stabilizing the structure and nucleic acids of
at least one cell in a sample, wherein said method comprises:

- (a) adding to a vessel containing the sample, a composition comprising:
(i) a first substance having a concentration effective for precipitating or
denaturing proteins, comprising at least one alcohol or ketone whose
concentration is less than 80% of the total composition; and